

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claims 13-16 as set forth below in the Listing of Claims. This Listing of Claims replaces all previous listings.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-12. (Cancelled)

Claim 13. (Currently amended) An implantable drug delivery system comprising:
storage means for storing a drug,
metering means for metering a predetermined, effective amount of the drug;
delivery means for delivering ~~an~~ the effective amount of the drug to a patient to treat a disorder, the delivery means comprising:

a catheter having a plurality of drug delivery ports, the drug delivery ports being movable between an open position to deliver the drug to the patient, and a closed position;
and

drug delivery path preservation means for resisting fibrous occlusion of the drug delivery ports, the drug delivery preservation means comprising a substance for resisting the fibrous occlusion proximate the drug delivery ports.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) An implantable drug delivery system according to claim 13. wherein the ~~drug delivery path preservation means~~ substance for resisting fibrous occlusions comprises poly(glycine-valine-glycine-valine-proline) ~~associated with the catheter.~~

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ An implantable drug delivery system according to claim 13, wherein the catheter has a longitudinal axis and the drug delivery ports comprise a plurality of slits.

Claim 16. (Currently Amended) An implantable drug delivery system according to claim 13, wherein the drug delivery path preservation means comprises a ~~means for delivering a~~ an effective amount of the substance for resisting fibrous occlusions ~~in through~~ the drug delivery ports.

Claims 17-20. (Cancelled)